

Chapter 14.16

WATER USE REGULATIONS

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14.16.010 During fire. No person shall use any water for irrigation or any steady flow during the progress of any fire in the city unless for protection of property, and all irrigation and sprinkling shall immediately be stopped when an alarm of fire is sounded in any part of the city, and shall not be begun until the fire is extinguished. (674-12/57)

14.16.020 Waste from improper fixtures. No person shall waste water or allow it to be wasted by imperfect or leaking stops, valves, pipes, closets, faucets or other fixtures, or use water closets without self-closing valves, or use the water for purposes other than those named in the application upon which rates for water are based, or use it in violation of any of the provisions of any ordinance of this city, provided further that no person shall drain or permit water to drain upon any public street or alley, or over any private property not owned by such person. (674-12/57)

14.16.030 Meters--Property of city. All water service and water meters installed or required to be installed by the City Water Department shall remain at all times the property of the city and shall be maintained, repaired and renewed by the City Water Department when rendered unserviceable by normal wear and tear. (674-12/57)

14.16.040 Meters--Replacement or repair. Where replacements, repairs or adjustments of any meter are rendered necessary by an act resulting from malice, carelessness or neglect of the consumer or any member of his family, or any one employed by him, and any damage which may result from hot water, or steam from water heater, boiler or otherwise, shall be charged to and paid for by such consumer to the Water Department on presentation of a bill therefor; and in case such bill is not paid, the water shall be shut off from such premises and shall not be turned on again until all charges are paid. No person shall interfere with or remove from any service any water meter which has been so attached. (674-12/57)

14.16.050 Meters--Accuracy tests. Where the accuracy of record of a water meter is questioned, it shall be removed at the consumer's request and shall in his presence be tested in the shops of the Water Department by means of the apparatus there provided, and a report thereon

duly made. Both parties to the test must accept the findings so made. If the test discloses an error against the consumer of more than 3 percent of the meter's registry, the excess of the consumption on the 3 percent readings shall be credited to the consumer's meter account, and the Water Department will bear the entire expenses of the test, and the deposit required as hereinafter prescribed shall be returned. On the other hand, where no such error is found, the person who has requested the test shall pay the charge fixed for such test. (674-12/57)

14.16.060 Meters--Test deposit. Before making a test of any meter, the person requesting such a test shall, at the time of filing his request, make a deposit with the Water Department of the amount charged for such a test, subject to the conditions herein stated, which charges are fixed as follows:

for testing 5/8 inch meters	\$10
for testing 1 inch meters	\$10
for testing 1 1/2 inch meters	\$20
for testing 2 inch meters	\$20
for testing 3 inch meters	\$80
for testing 4 inch meters	\$105

No meter shall be removed, or in any way disturbed, nor the seal broken except in the presence of or under the direction of the Superintendent. (674-12/57, 1996-8/75)

14.16.070 Meters--Placement. All meters of the Water Department shall be placed at the curb line of the street or near the property line in alleys, whenever and wherever practicable, and be protected and maintained as a part of the operation of the department. (674-12/57)

14.16.080 Meters--Inside premises. Where a water meter is placed inside the premises of a consumer, for the convenience of the consumer, provisions shall be made for convenient meter reading and repairing by representatives of the department. Failure to make such provisions by the consumer shall be sufficient cause for removal of such meter at the option of the Superintendent of the department and the withholding of service until installation is made at the curb line as herein provided. (674-12/57)

14.16.090 Consumer's responsibility. The city shall in no way whatsoever be responsible for any damage to person or property because of any leakage, breakage or seepage from, or accident or damage to any meter or pipe situated within any private premises, and the city shall not be responsible for any leakage, breakage or seepage for any pipe situated between any meter properly installed at the curb and the private premises served thereby nor shall the city be responsible for or on account of any damage, injury or loss occasioned directly or indirectly by the existence of any meter or pipe situated upon private property. (674-12/57)

14.16.100 Fire hydrants--Maintenance. Public fire hydrants shall be placed, maintained and repaired by the Water Department. Any damage thereto by persons or agency other than representatives of the Fire and Water Departments, shall be a claim against the person or agency committing such damage, and the Superintendent shall take such action as may be necessary to collect the same. (674-12/57)

14.16.110 Fire hydrants--Use. Fire hydrants are provided for the sole purpose of extinguishing fires and shall be used otherwise only as herein provided for, and shall be opened and used only by the Water and Fire Departments or such persons as may be authorized to do so by the Chief of the Fire Department, or the Superintendent of the Water Department as herein provided. (674-12/57)

14.16.120 Fire hydrants--Permits for special use. All persons desiring to use water through fire hydrants, or other hydrants, owned or controlled by the city, shall be required to obtain a permit first from the Chief of the Fire Department; second, from the Superintendent of the Water Department, who shall issue no such permit to any person who has violated any of the provisions of this title or whose indebtedness to the city of water used or damage to hydrants or equipment is delinquent. All such persons having permit for use of water from the fire hydrants must provide hydrant wrenches for the operation of such fire hydrants. (674-12/57)

14.16.130 Fire hydrant--Use permit cancellation. Permit for the use of water through the fire hydrants of the city may be cancelled at the will of the Superintendent on evidence that the holder thereof is or has violated the privileges conveyed thereunder. Such notice of cancellation shall be in writing delivered or mailed to the persons to be notified and shall be immediately effective and enforced. (674-12/57)

14.16.140 Fire hydrants--Obstructing access. No person shall obstruct the access to any fire hydrant by placing around or thereon any stone, brick, lumber, dirt or other material or wilfully or carelessly injure the same, or open or operate any fire hydrant, or draw or attempt to draw water therefrom, except as provided in section 14.16.120. (674-12/57)

14.16.150 Pressure maintenance or shutoff. The Water Department shall not accept any responsibility for the maintenance of pressure and it reserves the right to shut off the water from any premises, or from any part of the distributing system, as long as necessary without notice to consumers, at any time of emergency, but in all cases of extensions or connections, the department shall notify occupants of the premises of the necessity of shutting off water and the probable length of time the water shall be so shut off before taking such action. (647-12/57)

14.16.160 Drawing water into steam boilers. No stationary steam boiler shall be connected directly with the water distribution system of the city, but in each and every case a suitable tank of storage capacity sufficient for a twelve (12) hour supply for said boiler shall be provided and the service pipe supplying the tank shall discharge directly into the top of the tank. (674-12/57)

14.16.170 Violations reported. It shall be the duty of the employees of the Police, fire and street departments to give vigilant aid to the Superintendent in the enforcement of the provisions of this chapter and to this end they shall report all violations thereof which come to their knowledge to the Water Department, and it shall be the duty of the Chief of the Fire Department to report immediately to the Superintendent, in case of fire in premises having metered service for fire protection purposes, that fire has occurred there. (674-12/57)

14.16.180 Sale of water outside city. It is unlawful for the City Water Department to sell water to consumers outside the city, or to allow any consumer outside the city to use any water furnished by the city system unless the City Council shall by resolution determine and declare as follows: a) that a surplus of water exists in excess of that required by the inhabitants of the city; or b) that the sale or use of water outside the city will enhance the health or safety of the public during the use of public property such as a public park, beach, or other facility owned or operated by a public agency. (674-12/57, 3754-12/06)

14.16.190 Protecting cross connections. The city shall maintain a Cross-Connection Control Program throughout the Huntington Beach Water System service area. Such program shall be established by the City Council pursuant to Resolution No. 5921, titled "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach Establishing a Cross-Connection Control Program for the Huntington Beach Water System." (674-12/57, 2404-1/80, 2966-11/88)